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BELLE GLADE-PAHOKEE, FL.

Bridge repairs needed to keep marina open

BELLE GLADE—The Florida State Department of Transportation won't alter the schedule for repairs and renovation to the Point Chosen Bridge, Mayor Thomas L. Altman told the city commission Monday, December 27.

According to a letter Altman received from the DOT, the schedule cannot be altered because any change in it would entitle the contractor to additional funding.

Work to the bridge is scheduled to done sometime this winter, the height of the fishing and camping season in the area.

The Point Chosen Bridge is the only way for fishermen and campers to drive their vehicles across the rim canal and into the marina.

Repairs will pause the bridge to be closed Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The contractor is obligated to provide transportation for any pedestrian traffic and boat traffic during the repairs.

Emergency vehicles will also be permitted to pass over the bridge, which will be open 24 hours

during the weekends.

Altman said that closing the bridge during the height of the fishing and camping season will have an adverse impact on the marina and several fish camps located on the marina side of the bridge.

"When we talk about closing the bridge... we aren't talking about an inconvenience. We're talking about closing down the marina," said Altman.

City Attorney John E. Baker said that he thought the city may be getting too upset over

the matter. He said that the contractor and the state may try to find a solution to the problem because of public pressure.

He also said that some of the fish camp operators have already decided to take action on their own to prevent the state's work from hurting their businesses.

"Circumstances will have better control over it than anything else," said Baker. "If push comes to shove, I'm sure there's an avenue available to prevent the bridge's closing."

Dixon accuses council of dragging its feet, walks out on meeting

PAHOKEE—A proposal to allocate city funds for youth recreation purposes may have suffered a serious blow Tuesday when the local man who was pushing for allocation of the money angrily left a city council meeting.

Clarence Dixon, the coach of Operation PUSH who stood in a position to take over any funds the Pahokee City Council allocated for purchasing recreation equipment, accused the council Tuesday night of dragging its feet on the issue and stormed out of the meeting.

"Forget it. We will not beg you to sponsor things for little kids," he said as he left the meeting.

Dixon had approached the council two weeks before and asked for a donation of \$4,000 to purchase

chase football uniforms for the youth organization.

He was told the city couldn't legally donate more than \$100 to any private organization, but the city council also discussed means of circumventing that law so that the funds could be made available.

In the two weeks since that meeting, the city had apparently started work on possibly creating a recreation department and allocating \$4,000 for uniforms. No funds would be allocated for personnel in the program, so it would have had to be staffed by volunteers, which was where Dixon and Operation PUSH would step in.

However, Dixon attended the December 28



DOC RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS. Dr. Robert Allen, an agronomist at the Agriculture Research and Education Center retired Thursday and a retirement party was held

in his honor. From left to right Dr. and Mrs. Allen look on as Dr. Good presents Dr. Allen with an engraved cane knife.

Wendy travels cross country to get home

Wendy made it home for Christmas.

She traveled by foot from Venice to a ranch west of Moore Haven, and rode home when a concerned Glades County resident traced her home to Belle Glade. If Wendy traveled cross-country she had walked more than 40 miles.

Wendy is a brown and white bird dog owned by Betty Bair of Belle Glade.

Wendy, about two years old, had roamed the streets of Belle Glade, chasing cars and firetrucks, ever since she was a pup, according to Bair.

"We used to take her out to the cane fields and she'd run along side the car," said Bair. "She loves to run."

Wendy never learned to hunt, having been

adopted as a pet, said Bair, who added "I wish someone would have taught her. She'd have made a great hunting dog."

On any given day, she could be seen roaming the streets or visiting the fire house.

The dog's tendency to run and chase vehicles prompted the Bairs to find a new home for her in Venice. They were afraid Wendy would get struck by a car and be hurt or killed.

Bair said they found a man in Venice, Florida, on the Gulf coast north of Fort Myers, who had just lost his hunting dog, so they gave Wendy to him about two months ago.

It wasn't the first time Wendy had been away from home. Bair said they had taken the dog all

Dr. Robert Allen retires

BELLE GLADE—A triple celebration was held Thursday at the Agricultural Research and Education Center.

A Christmas Party for staff members and the presentation of service pins for employees were among the items on Dr. Joe Goods' agenda. But the highlight of the day was the retirement party for Dr. Robert Allen.

An agronomist for 30 years at the station, Allen was honored by present and former co-workers.

Allen migrated to Florida in 1950. He joined the University of Florida system as an Assistant Agronomist at the West Palm Beach Branch Station.

In June 1952, he was assigned to the Belle Glade Research Center, and has been on staff ever since. Allen said he won't be leaving for good. He expects to continue on a parttime basis with his work at the center's weather station where he will supervise work by two other employees and calibrate the instruments.

Allen took over the operation of the weather station approximately four years ago, when the station was located at the front of the center.

Allen campaigned for the moving of the weather station to the back of the center for several years and in January 1982 the weather station moved into its new location.

"The weather station did not give a true indication of the weather conditions, while at the front of the center," said Allen.

"The buildings and the trees, all played a factor in the station's reading," he added.

Having moved to its new location, Allen said the station gives more representative weather information.

Briefly

Date	Max	Min	RF
Dec. 21, Tuesday	69	32	.00
Dec. 22, Wednesday	76	39	.00
Dec. 23, Thursday	79	48	.00
Dec. 24, Friday	79	53	trace
Dec. 25, Saturday	82	62	.32
Dec. 26, Sunday	80	61	.02
Dec. 27, Monday	80	61	.00

Courtesy of The Agricultural Research & Education Center, Belle Glade

Herald-Observer to close Friday

So that our employees might enjoy the New Year's holiday with their families, the Herald-Observer office will be closed Friday, Dec. 31.

The Herald-Observer will be open as usual Monday, Jan. 3, and all news and advertising deadlines are unaffected. Normal business hours for the Herald-Observer are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Babson looks for better days

By Babson's Reports Inc. Wesley Hills, Mass.

December 28, 1982

expansion in economic conditions we had envisioned for the year now drawing to an end failed to materialize. Instead, the nation's value of goods and services produced, in 1972 dollars, (the real gross national product) plummeted 5.1% from the level of the final 1981 quarter and virtually matched the quarter-to-quarter slump which had jolted the American economy in that final three months of 1981. There was modest improvement in the spring weeks, but the summer of 1982 proved to be a period of no growth and the final quarter probably was only slightly better. In

stead, while the 1981-82 downturn of the real economy in the remainder of the year was essentially anticipated, the recession continued to plague the industrial sector of the economy far into the year, causing layoffs which sent the unemployment rate close to the 11% mark. The consequent adverse effect upon public confidence kept consumer spending from making the show of strength needed to tilt business back upward. Also, the continuing downturn in industrial pro-

1982: the year in review; a reflection on what was

By BRENDA BUNTING

A record-breaking drought was punctuated by a record-breaking freeze early in 1982, a year that saw good news and bad news in the Glades.

Bad news included bad weather, a wreck that claimed six lives on south US 27, the

resignation of the South Bay Police Department.

Good news was another Gator championship and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Take a look now at what is almost yesterday.

January 7

South Bay city commissioners named two new city parks in honor

of the son of Mayor Don Tanner, Donald Douglas Tanner Jr., and City Commissioner Vernita Cox.

Two Miami men passed through Belle Glade, peddling their way around the world... or at least that was the plan. The men came into town on the Hillsboro Canal, portaged over Herbert Hoover Dike at Pump Station S-2 and down the Rim Canal.

January 14

Vegetable and sugar cane crops were ruined in the field when the mercury dropped to all-time low temperatures throughout the Glades. Florida Sugar Cane League Vice President and General Manager

Dalton Yancey termed it a Democratic freeze, throwing damage the way of everyone.

The Glades entered a new year in the middle of the worst drought on record, with the level of Lake Okeechobee at an all-time low. Area farmers took part in some of the most stringent water controls in modern history because of the dry weather.

Low temperatures and problems with heating equipment at Lake Shore Middle School sent students heading for their homes in an effort to find warmth. Principal Ed Foley said the problem was an accumulation of dirt in heating coils.

January 21

The Everglades Memorial Hospital board of directors were complaining that the Pahokee hospital was getting all of the baby deliveries in the Lake Okeechobee area and they should send letters to other area hospitals saying they wouldn't accept any more pregnant women about to deliver when

ent by the other hospitals.

In the meantime, Glades General Hospital Administrator Pat Lennon announced the eminent arrival of Dr. Martha Valiant and two other pediatricians. Lennon said this would be the first time a pediatrics clinic would be at the Belle

Recreation

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Meeting of the council and asked for a firm commitment from the council at that moment. Councilwoman Ada Bush told him she was having a problem lining up use of school facilities for the program's functions.

Bush said that there was no problem with the use of school property for the program, but that had to be acquired before it could be considered. Bush replied that even if the school facilities were used, other areas such as the beach could be used for use as outdoor fields. "I mean, like we're playing round robin with the same thing," said Dixon. "Everything is going to go. The jerseys are bought. Will the city be helping out?"

"I think the consensus of the council is that it wants to get involved with this type of program," said Councilman George Tillis. "But the city can't be pushed faster than it can go. It still has loose ends that have to be tied up."

Councilman Ronnie Graydon said that he wasn't sure he wanted to see the city invest the money in the program.

He suggested the funds might be better spent on lights for recreation areas instead.

"Just cause we don't make our mind up right away doesn't mean we're against it," said Chairman Jon Mock.

"I'd rather see us spend it (the money) in the summertime when the kids don't have anything to do," said Councilman William McKinstry.

Dixon asked if that meant life and recreation for youths stopped at three o'clock when school ended. He said that youths then don't have any programs to go to and needed a good recreation

program for the evenings and weekends.

"I've been living in this town for 30 years..." said McKinstry.

"That's your problem," interrupted Dixon. "You don't want to see no progress in this town."

"I've been living here for 30 years and I didn't have nobody babysitting me after school hours," said McKinstry.

"That's your problem," repeated Dixon.

Bush added that no funds had been appropriated in the budget, and that things must be worked out legally before the city could go ahead with the project.

Dixon asked if the council had discussed the program at all, and Bush replied that it could only do that in a public meeting or it would be violating the sunshine laws.

She also said that several people she had to contact were on vacation due to the holidays and that was another one of the hold ups on the project.

"Well Christmas was Saturday," said Dixon. "We know when Christmas was," said Mock.

Just before he left, Dixon told the council to forget about trying to fund the project.

"Forget it. We will not beg you to sponsor things for little kids," he said.

Dr. Allen —

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formation to local farmers.

Although Allen was kept busy with the weather station, his specialty at the center has been in forage crops and grasses and plant introductions.

"Between 1,500 and 2,000 plant introductions were tested for the area," said Allen.

"With only a small percentage of the plants suited for the area," he added.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Dr. Allen received both his bachelor and Master's degree from the University. He received his Ph.D. in Agronomy from the University of Maryland in 1951.

Between 1942 and 1946 Allen served in the U.S. Armed Services. He was stationed for several years in Africa and Europe.

Dr. Good said Dr. Allen was one of the most active members of the staff in community activities.

Allen holds membership in the Masonic Lodge 273 of Belle Glade, Order of Eastern Star, and has been an advisory board member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls for 27 years.

He served as Worthy Patron for the Eastern Stars three times, in 1960, 1972 and 1979.

He also served in the capacity of Scout Master for three years.

Allen has been honored time and time again. He was named Man of the Year by the Jaycees

honored by the Future Farmers of America, received the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of America for exceptional service, Thanks Badge from the Girl Scouts and the Grand Cross of Color from the Rainbows.

He's attended two national Boy Scout Jamborees and the World Jamboree in 1973 in Japan.

Dr. Allen said in lieu of working he plans to fish a lot and possibly set up a sightseeing service on Lake Okechobee.

The AREC staff presented Dr. Allen with a book of letters from co-workers, and a radio transmitter. Dr. Good told Allen he can use the transmitter to radio his location back home when he becomes lost out on the lake.

A plaque was also placed in the conference room of the Center in honor of Dr. Allen's community service endeavors and the obtaining of flags for the conference room. Dr. Allen said out of all the awards and honors that have been bestowed upon him, the plaque in the conference means more to him. "It represents the coming together of my work at AREC and the community," he said.

Mrs. Allen was given a Christmas arrangement.

The Allen lives at 1417 Wedgewood Road and they have two children, a son, Robert Allen, Jr., a Civil Engineer, living in Raleigh, North Carolina, and a daughter, Carol Kenyon of Virginia.

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Class of '72 plans countdown

BELLE GLADE—The Class of 1972 of Glades Central High School is sponsoring a countdown New Year's Eve reunion dance at the Municipal Civic Center from 8 p.m. until.

Admission is \$5. Food and beverages will be served.

The dance is open to adults only.

City will examine taxi licenses

BELLE GLADE—The Belle Glade City Commission ordered that administration to examine the current system of licensing taxi-cabs after Commissioner William Grear told the commission of several allegations he had heard.

Grear told the commission that several cab drivers feel there are too many taxi licenses in the city and that too many of the licenses are given to individuals who don't live in the city.

He said he has heard allegations that money has been exchanged for a note guaranteeing a parking spot at the city tax stand.

He also said that he didn't know those

allegations to be true, but was forwarding them to the commission for examination.

According to Police Chief D. Bill Mathis, the city passed amendments to the code governing taxi licenses in 1973 and 1978 that were designed to remove taxis from parking all over the city and to remove the cap on the number of cab licenses in the city.

Homer Hand permits the city to use a plot of land he owns on SW Fourth Street for a taxi stand providing it's covered with gravel by the city and maintained by those managing it.

David B. Milton and Jesse Gilbert manage the stand, according to Mathis. He said they

owned the only two taxi companies in the city at the time the city commission decided to remove the cap on the number of cabs in the city.

In an effort to keep cabs from parking throughout the city, a city woman who holds the applications for cab licenses has apparently been requiring all potential cab license applicants to receive notes from Milton and Gilbert stating that space is available at the stand for the cab.

Grear said that several people have informed him that they saw \$200 change hands in exchange for that note, but when he asked them to present their accusations to the commission, the in-

dividuals never appeared.

Mathis said that inquiries among cab license holders have failed to turn up anyone willing to admit to having paid for such a note.

"Well, we have no proof that that is being done," said Mayor Thomas L. Altman. "In fact, I'm assuming it isn't."

Altman said he does have problems with portions of the law, including the part that prohibits taxi cabs from parking throughout the city.

"I thought that's what a cab is supposed to do," said Altman.

City Attorney John E. Baker and City Manager W.E. Tom Strang said they will be examining the city taxi code for a solution to the problems that Grear brought before the commission.

Grear suggested the city determine how many parking spots are available at the stand and determine how many licenses are available by that number. Altman objected to that because it would create a cap on the number of licenses available, something the city removed in 1978.

In 1978, only 25 cab licenses were available in the city. Those licenses were owned by Gilbert and Milton.

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Wendy —

over the state traveling. Apparently, when they took Wendy to Venice, and left without her, Wendy decided to take herself home.

Two weeks ago she arrived at the ranch home of Glades County Commissioner John Coffey which is about nine miles west of Moore Haven. A commotion in the yard attracted Mrs. Coffey's attention and she went outside to investigate. The Coffey's dogs were giving a less than hospitable welcome to a brown and white dog that had come into the yard.

The dog seemed friendly enough to Valerie Coffey to encourage her to inspect its tags. She then telephoned Palm Beach County, where the dog was registered.

The tag number was traced and Bair received a

phone call from Wendy's veterinarian who told her that the dog was in Glades County.

Bair immediately phoned the Coffeys to make arrangements to pick up the dog and she brought Wendy home December 16.

"I'm gonna keep her this time," said Bair. "Any dog that wants to come home that bad deserves to stay home."

Wendy is still recovering from her walk. She's a little stiff. There's some fungus growth and a few scars and cuts she acquired during her ordeal that a vet is treating.

Since she's been home, she's been frequenting her old haunts, including the fire station.

"People have been saying 'Hey, I thought I saw Wendy back in town.' Well, that's her," said Bair.

Clewiston Sugar House sets new milling record

The Clewiston sugar mill has broken the record for tons of raw sugar produced per day five times this season, according to Bob Lee, USSC vice-president for community affairs.

The Clewiston plant produced 18,641 tons of raw sugar Sunday, breaking the record of 17,906 tons set by Bryant Sugar Mill in Canal Point earlier this season, Lee noted.

He said the average amount of raw sugar produced to date this season between the two mills combined was 29,409 tons per day.

Engineering improvements, good weather and the extra effort of all support personnel has enabled the mills to increase production of raw sugar, according to Lee.

"It's an outstanding team effort," he said.

Public library tours offered

BELLE GLADE-The Belle Glade Municipal Library in cooperation with the West Area Superintendents office and liaison person, David Campbell, has just completed orientation tours for all second and fifth grade students in the public school system in Belle Glade and South Bay.

According to Miss Phyllis Lilley, librarian, the program has operated for three years. She said the purpose of the program is to make the children and their families aware of the resources available to them through the library.

Miss Lilley said students who return their applications are issued a library card during their visit. "We also show them a movie and give them a tour of the Library and Museum."

A long range goal of this program is to have the students library

users grow up to be adult library users, Miss Lilley added.

A total of 38 classes participated in this program with attendance at about 950 students.

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Wendy comes home

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Opinion

A year-end collection of odds and ends

Time magazine selected a computer for its man of the year. That's the kind of a year 1982 was. I think computers are as snazzy as the next person, but there must be at least one homo sapiens out there more deserving of the honor than a conglomeration of micro-chips and circuit boards.

Time - often provocative in its choice for man of the year - has done it again. During the first energy crisis, Time picked the king of Saudi Arabia as its man of the year. And it seems the Ayatollah was another choice once. At least you could feel some emotion toward those two. But a computer?

Over at Delta Airlines, employees chipped in and bought their company a new \$30 million jetliner.

Employee generosity of this magnitude is unheard of.

JIM JONES

BOILER PLATE



sane again.

I'm sure that a lot of employees were envious of this kind of treatment, especially since '82 was a rough year for business everywhere.

Let's just hope that the skid doesn't continue through 1983. According to my reading of history, the Great Depression of 50 years ago didn't happen overnight. There was a lot more to it than the stock market crash of 1929. Once economics start going crazy it's hard to get them

Things are settling nicely at the Jones household after Christmas and at least part of the family (me) is ready for the football bowl games.

Part of the Jones tradition is getting together in North Florida for a few days of craziness, over-eating, exchange of gifts, and measuring the growth of children.

My generation has shifted its priorities from going out after dinner to throw a football around to just going back to the table for another slice of coconut cream pie or another bowl of banana pudding (my favorite).

After a weekend of eating it is always tough to waddle back into work again. Somewhere among the clutter at home is a pair of jogging shorts and a shirt (to cover the jelly rolls) that I need to put

back into use.

In all likelihood, in future years I'll just stay at home and let the rest of the family visit me. I've already recommended that if they want to get a gift for us, just to buy something light and small to save postage. Diamonds and Kruggerands will do nicely.

Here's wishing you a happy new year, and a prosperous one as well! I hope that 1983 brings you all that you desire.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells, across the snow,
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
(Temnyson)

Letter to the editor

Dear Sir:

As Director of the Hendry County Emergency Medical Service, I would like to express my appreciation to the Florida Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Department, Deputies, and Volunteer Firemen who helped us at the head-

on collision on Highway 29 South December 12th. This accident was my initiation to emergency care in the field. I have been in nursing for many years, in controlled situations with M.D.'s and all equipment necessary for stabiliz-

ing patients within reach. I had no first hand knowledge of the adverse conditions you encountered working at an accident site, or how difficult it was to properly monitor patients in an ambulance speeding down a rough bumpy highway with siren blaring and radio

communications jabbering back and forth. It was an enlightening experience for me.

Our community is privileged to have all of these educated and dedicated people willing and eager to help those in need. A special thanks to the LaBelle Volunteer firemen who

An appreciation of emergency care

responded with extrication equipment promptly and their willingness to help transport the victims.

I would also like to mention that a small child who was involved in this accident was restrained in a car seat. He was tossed about like a ball but escaped serious, crippling in-

jury. The law requiring child restraints in cars goes into effect January 1st, 1983. I would hope this would convince the public how beneficial these restraints can be.

Respectfully,
Eleanor Hough, R.N.
Director of Emergency Medical Services

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Keep your friends past New Years, curb drinking

As we noted in this column four years ago, in order to have a new year in which to be happy, some of us must first survive the last night of the year. Those who go to wassailing on New Year's Eve - up to their ears in the cup that cheers - and then hit the road, are also apt to hit the trees, parked cars, and other wassailers meandering on the roads.

Unhappy starts the year for he or she who sobers up on Day One of 1983 to find himself or herself out on bail without quite being able to remember what the charges and damages are. Or even the celebration rapping with the EMTs as they are busily wrapping up the victims at the scene of the accident.

And if yours is the hall where the revelers are to gather, you owe it to your fellow revelers to help save themselves from all that pain and suffering - even if it is for a more noble sort of suffering later on in the year.

AILSA DEWING



AND WHAT NOT

To this end, the American Automobile Association (AAA) has, in years past, offered some good advice. So has AA, which you may want to check out, also.

The AAA advice that follows was dispensed in 1969, which goes to show the problem is not a new one, but that it's no reason to believe the solutions are not still in working order.

Plan your New Year's Eve party around a late

supper of heavy, starchy food to moderate the effects of the alcohol and decrease the desire for more.

Macaroni and cheese may not cut it, but Escalloped Oysters should and Lobster Thermidor definitely will. Besides, after you've financed either of these main dishes for a crowd, your bar budget should be almost demolished.

After the first drink, convert the bar to self-service. Guests usually make their own drinks less potent and mix fewer of them for themselves. It's possible the AAA member who wrote this advice parties with a different kind of crowd than yours but try it anyway.

Provide a bowl of punch at the bar. The idea here is to control the octane rating of the punch and maybe even provide your guests with their daily minimum requirement of vitamins in the fruit juice.

As the evening wears on substitute coffee and rich desserts for drinks.

This is okay for people who can take Key Lime Pie on top of tequila. Stay on the safe side - select a dessert that matches the living room rug.

Plan some organized games for the focal point of the party, rather than the bar.

If yours is a gaggle of guests who hate party games, play hide-and-seek with the bar. Equip it with wheels and pedals and move it from one room to another every half hour.

Make arrangements for guests who imbibe too freely to stay overnight or tactfully make them passengers in other cars.

You could try throwing all the car keys into a pile on the living room floor. Those who doze off in the huddle or can't make it back on their feet will have to accept the fact they're not fit to walk, much less drive.

Despite the levity, the AAA advice is valuable and worth heeding. No one wants to start off the new year with fewer friends than last year.

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duction resulted in increased idle manufacturing facilities and prompted a series of cutbacks in business capital spending plans which, together with the malaise in retail trade, did much to forestall an economic recovery.

Basic Improvements Presage Improvement In 1983

In view of the relentless flow of unfavorable economic reports throughout 1982, it is understandable that public sentiment is lacking in enthusiasm concerning prospects for 1983 business conditions. The sum of Babson's Reports, however, feels that a more hopeful view is in order. The apprehension which is so rampant at this time, based upon the inability of the economy to throw off the yoke of the recession, overlooks the handful-but-vital-improvements which have taken place over the past year. These have shored up important facets of the economy and are indispensable to a healthier economy.

For example, the intolerably high levels of inflation and interest rates have been squeezed down materially, although the latter still needs further betterment before a vibrant economy can take hold. In addition, even though slack business has left many concerns in danger of collapse, other companies have been able to effect much-needed corrections and are well situated to benefit from the upcoming economic recovery. The easing of interest rates enabled these firms to secure additional and less costly lines of credit, and to fund short-term borrowings; heavy industry positions have been pared to leaner holdings more in line with current demand, with consequent relief of straining working capital positions; and strenuous efforts have been made to trim overhead and operating costs. All told, the economy is now on a sounder foundation than it has been in a number of years, even though it is still far from robust. Hence, 1983 business should be better than is generally perceived at this time.

1983 - Slow But Steady Uptrend

Although some underlying improvement has occurred, Babson's does not expect the economy to snap back quickly and vigorously in 1983 as was the case following other post-World War II recoveries. A gradual but steady economic upturn is likely occur in the year ahead.

However, the tempo of business will be noticeably stronger over the second half of the year, and the final quarter will exhibit the best vitality of 1983.

Many readers of this forecast will undoubtedly question our intrinsic hopeful perspective, considering the malaise in so many of the nation's major manufacturing industries and the piteous state of the agricultural community. In some cases their related regional economies' hard times' extend back several years-not just during the recession of 1981-82. However, the odds favor at least the beginning of a recovery sometime in 1983-a condition long overdue. Bear in mind that with inflation brought to a heel, and with interest rates having receded to far less onerous levels than those which had prevailed a little over a year ago, the danger of additional major slippages in the economy is far outweighed by the likelihood that the early stages of recovery will emerge. Once creditability is established, additional forward motion will follow. Residential building-one of the key sectors of the economy-has already commenced a cyclical upturn. The domestic automobile industry seems to be on the verge of a comeback, although the effects of "sticker shock" (i.e. high factory prices on 1983 model cars) still constitute a vexing barrier to a full-scale outburst of demand for new autos.

Gross National Product

We forecast that the nation's real gross national product (the GNP ex inflation) will trend upward in 1983. Any wavering in quarter-to-quarter betterment is likely to be nominal-not serious enough to abort the primary upward progression. Overall, the average rate of advance could be on the order of 3%, although we would not be surprised to see a somewhat better showing. This would not be a rousing display of economic vitality by any means but it would approximate the longterm growth trend of the American economy and be a decided improvement over the negative result which undoubtedly was the lot for 1982.

Industrial Production

Monthly readings of the Federal Reserve Index of Industrial Production (which measures the physical volume as opposed to dollar value-of

output of the nation's factories, mines, and utility facilities) will reverse their long downward trend in 1983. A new cyclical upturn will prevail, although on a seasonally adjusted basis occasional sub-par readings are bound to occur. However, such slippages will be magnified out of proportion when they're compared with temporarily higher showings, hence will not reflect basic flaws in the economy.

Overall, 1983 will chalk up a 3% advance in industrial production, in contrast with the steep slump experienced in 1982. With housing and military goods already imparting some beneficial effects to related raw materials' production, industrial activity for 1983 has a good base upon which to build. We expect that there will be augmenting support from autos and other consumer durables, plus computer and high-tech lines. As the year progresses, we look for the pulse of industrial activity to quicken.

Business Inventories

Business inventory liquidation figured prominently in the soft-to-listless economic climate in 1982. The impact was especially pronounced during the first quarter, but the process continued in the second three months at a less

awesome pace. Changes in this segment of the gross national product were only nominal during the second half of 1982, but the effects were still essentially negative. Thus, throughout the year businesses had difficulty in trying to bring inventories into proper alignment with sales, since the inflow of new orders kept slipping and the anticipated upturn in demand failed to materialize. The stress placed upon trimming inventories also reflected a desire to rebuild liquidity and reduce bank borrowings.

The Babson staff anticipates that the changes in business inventories will be more constructive in 1983. The transition from deep cuts to normalizing inventories will contribute to better GNP readings during the year ahead, although the impact is not expected to be powerful overall. Ample-to-adequate supplies of raw materials and finished goods in an atmosphere of moderate sales gains and well-contained price inflation will not offer much incentive for aggressive forward buying and inventory accumulation beyond normal requirements.

Business Capital Expenditures

Deterioration of business confidence and the

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27 to die on highway New Years

TALLAHASSEE—Twenty-seven people will die in traffic accidents in Florida during the 1983 New Year's holiday period unless there is a drastic change in driving habits, according to a prediction released today by the Florida Highway Patrol.

This prediction is based on fatality experience during the past three New Year's holiday periods which recorded the following fatality experience: 1979-80, 102 hours - 31 fatalities; 1980-81, 102 hours - 31 fatalities; 1981-82, 78 hours - 34 fatalities.

Robert A. Butterworth, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles said, "The 34 deaths during the New Year's holiday last year brought needless tragedy and grief into the lives of the victims' families at the rate of one death every two hours and 18 minutes of the holiday period."

Department records on traffic accidents statewide reflect that the five leading contributors to the causes of traffic deaths last year were: Had been drinking and driving while intoxicated combined were listed as the contributing cause in 12 of the 34 fatal accidents. Careless driving ran a close second place as a contributing cause of 11 fatal accidents. Exceeding a safe speed or exceeding the speed limit was listed in six fatal accidents, and pedestrians walking in roadway, in five fatal accidents.

"Record research reflects that 76 percent of these 34 fatal traffic accident victims were males," continued Butterworth, "while 23 or 68 percent were under the age of 35 and 22 of the fatal traffic ac-

cidents occurred between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M."

The major objective of this Department is the reduction of needless lives lost and human suffering, that results from traffic accidents," said Butterworth, "and troopers will continue their stepped-up enforcement efforts in the battle to detect and remove drunk and distracted drivers from our highways as well as strict enforcement of all other hazardous moving traffic violations that produce accidents."

Banyan Tree Lounge opens

BELLE GLADE - The Banyan Tree Lounge located on SR 715, opened Saturday,

December 18. The business is owned by local resident, John Thompson.

Thompson said the lounge was built on the Palm Beach, Boca Raton design and features an outdoor patio. According to Thompson the lounge and patio will seat 150 people and has a big screen television.

sporting events.

In the future, according to Thompson, the Banyan Tree will have special events and there is live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. He said customers will find the parking lot to be ample and well lighted.

A conduct and dress code will be enforced at

the Banyan Tree including a ban on hats, t-shirts or caps.

"We are trying to give the people of the Glades a different type lounge atmosphere," says Thompson. "Something like they would find on the East Coast."

All the paintings in the lounge are by local artists with a cane burn-

ing scene by Jeanette Cameron, a Seminole Indian scene by Diane Richmond and a lighted Banyan Tree picture is accented in the foyer by local artist Ann Tyler.

The Banyan Tree Lounge is open at 3 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Salad bar luncheon scheduled

BELLE GLADE - The Glades Area Association of Retarded Citizens is selling tickets for a January 7 salad bar luncheon.

The tickets for the luncheon are \$4 and may be purchased in advance or at the door.

The luncheon will be held at the Municipal Civic Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, January 7, and take-outs are available.

Proceeds from the luncheon will go toward the ARC. More information can be obtained from the ARC at 996-4335.

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ASC elects committee

At the County ASC Convention held on December 20, delegates from the Belle Glade, Pahokee and Coastal Communities elected T. Kermit Dell to fill the three-year vacancy on the County ASC Committee.

T. Kermit Dell will serve as Vice-Chairperson. Robert B. Thompson is the Chairperson and Horace W. Harris is the Regular Member. The delegates elected S.C. Pate as First Alternate and Robert Paul Brown as Second Alternate. County Executive Director Marie L. Wilkins said, "The County ASC Commit-

tee is responsible for the administration of Federal Farm Programs. These programs include: Sugar and Rice Price Support Program, Feed Grain Program and the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). The Committee meets once a month and the meetings are open to the public."

Community Committees elected are: Belle Glade: James H. Chamblee, Karl Larsen, J.W. Markham, and Robert D. Stokes. Pahokee: Roger Hatton, J.H. Wilkinson, William Kennedy, J.S. Barwick, and Dale Erickson.

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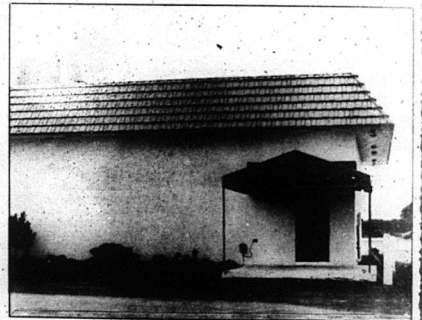


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Corporate dividend payments will rule higher in 1983. Better profits will permit more instances of dividend rate increases than was seen in 1982 when there was a rash of cuts and omissions.

Farm Outlook

The beleaguered farm sector is expected to experience some relief in 1983. Increased exports of farm products should tilt depressed farm prices upward, and there will be some betterment in farm income. But deep financial problems and large carryovers of farm surpluses cannot be cured quickly under normal circumstances.

Inflation — Prices

The Fed persisted in its anti-inflationary monetary policies over a good portion of 1982. Success of

this course is evident in the sharply lowered (about 6% versus the double-digit scenario which plagued 1981) inflation rate, as measured by the average rate of monthly changes of the seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index, annualized. For 1983, it is Babson's forecast that average monthly readings for the CPI will shade only fractionally lower. However, the bulk of the further betterment will occur in the first half of 1983. Beyond mid-year, the effects of the upward trek in business will mean firmer prices, but no return of dangerously high inflationary pressures.

Supply gluts of oil, coal, metals and other industrial raw materials, plus heavy overhangs of foodstuffs, are bulwarks against any long run of stiff price increases during the year ahead. However, deeply depressed wholesale prices are bound to experience some revival.

Interest Rates — Money & Credit

The welcomed downturn in interest rates encompassing the entire span of the maturity scale exceeded expectations during 1982. Babson's foresees further easing in 1983. The prime rate, for example, could sag to around 10%. Long-term interest rates will also work more on the downside. However, sometime in the year's second half, firm-to-higher tendencies will bend interest rate curves back upward.

Foreign Affairs

U.S.-Soviet relations will not show much change until the new Kremlin leadership is fully organized. There will be a strong flow of rhetoric like the recent blasts debunking each other's arms and nuclear weapons charges, but no outright severing of dialogue in 1983. Thus, the odds are against any early and substantive talks on nuclear and other arms' limitations or reductions—more likely is movement in the opposite direction initially—but the atmosphere could improve later in the year. American influence on Mideast matters offers distinct opportunities for enhancement of U.S. prestige and role in that region, but only if our cards are played correctly. Prospects in Latin America are not as sanguine, with the danger more a matter of setbacks for U.S. efforts from time and consequent erosion in American influence.

Stock And Bond Outlook

The abrupt and spectacular transition in the trend of stock prices from down to up-bringing with it a similar basic change in investment sentiment during the late summer of 1982—was an important development. The staff of Babson's Reports regards the change as a basic and genuine trend reversal which is not apt to run its course quickly. As a matter of record, therefore, the Babson forecast is for stock prices to work higher in 1983, with the Dow Jones Industrial average moving in a range of 940 on the downside to 1250 on the upside, although it would not be a surprise to see the DJIA brushing against the 1300 mark at its peak for the year. Thus,

Babson's recommends that investors adhere to an 1983 investment policy which is more aggressive than otherwise—yet consistent with the individual needs of each investor. The impressive rally of second-half 1982 notwithstanding, many common stock prices have merely rebounded from deeply oversold levels and hence can still make rewarding upside progress. Judicious selections can be made to beef up portfolios, whether the investor's goal is growth, capital appreciation, or income, or any combination thereof. The market should make further upside progress during the year ahead.

City enters CD program

BELLE GLADE—The Belle Glade City Commission Monday, December 27, ratified an agreement that makes the city's Community Development Program eligible for funding under the county program. The agreement was negotiated to negotiate with the county before it would authorize the contract for the first project funded through that agreement.

According to previous reports, the agreement linking the city and county programs will make a larger sum of money available from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development than was available when the local program operated on its own.

The commission voted 5-0 to accept that agreement.

The second agreement the Palm Beach County Community Development Program sought the city commission's approval on was sent back for renegotiation.

It would have provided up to \$60,000 for street improvements to two "target areas."

Under that agreement, SW Fourth and Third Streets between SW Avenues G and H, and SW Avenue F between SW Fourth and Second Streets, would have been resurfaced. Engineering plans would have been prepared for several other projects.

If any of the costs would have exceeded \$60,000, the city would have been obligated to underwrite that overrun, according to the agreement.

The clause obligating the city to make up any cost overruns was the portion the commission objected most strenuously to.

Mayor Thomas L. Altman said he thought it unreasonable for the city to expect the city to obligate itself to making up any cost overrun before any estimates or bids had been received, particularly since the city had no part in setting the ceiling of \$60,000.

"We certainly don't want them (the two projects) well within that \$60,000," said Remon Harvin, the city's Community Development director.

He said the county determined the ceiling by examining the costs incurred at similar projects in other cities.

If the estimates on city projects did come in over the \$60,000 alternative, Harvin suggested the city could reduce the scope of the projects or negotiate with the county program.

Altman said the county's proposed agreement left no room for negotiation and obligated it to underwriting any cost overruns.

Reducing the scope of projects or renegotiation with the county program wasn't sanctioned by it, he said.

"Well, I'm concerned about the cost estimates and the fact that the city, I think you said the city would have to pay for any cost overrun," Altman said. "The city didn't set the cap, but would be obligated to cover cost overruns in the project."

Altman said the obligation didn't seem like much with only \$60,000 at stake, but in the future the city might be dealing in projects totaling \$600,000 or more, any cost overrun could be too much for the city to be expected to cover.

City Attorney John E. Baker said the city should ask for the inclusion of an "escape clause" that would allow the city to back out of the project if estimates were too high to meet available funding.

He added that the county was hoping to get the project agreement ratified as soon as possible since it had taken so long to formulate, but Altman said that any delay in formulating the proposal was due to the county, and the city shouldn't hurry its decision because of this.

Baker compared the county's attempt to put the \$60,000 cap into the agreement before receiving estimates or bids to "putting the cart before the horse," and asked for the city commission to allow county and city officials to get together and put things back into the proper order.

Altman also objected to the inflexibility of the agreement. When it operated its own program independently, the city could shift the focus of the project as the need arose. Under the proposal, the county had to be consulted in any change.

Harvin said the contract still gives the city more flexibility than granted other municipalities because it already has an operating Community Development program and staff.

Commissioner William Grear said he was wary of any agreement with the county from the start and was opposed to this one.

"I don't trust them (the county)," said Grear. "Never have. And here is a prime example."

"I don't think it was the county trying to put something across," said Harvin. "I just think it was a situation where this didn't fit the bill."

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Corporate dividend payments will rule higher in 1983. Better profits will permit more instances of dividend rate increases than was seen in 1982 when there was a rash of cuts and omissions.

Farm Outlook

The beleaguered farm sector is expected to experience some relief in 1983. Increased exports of farm products should tilt depressed farm prices upward, and there will be some betterment in farm income. But deep financial problems and large carryovers of farm surpluses cannot be cured quickly under normal circumstances.

Inflation - Prices

The Fed persisted in its anti-inflation monetary policies over a good portion of 1982. Success of

this course is evident in the sharply lowered (about 6% versus the double-digit scenario which plagued 1981) inflation rate, as measured by the average rate of monthly changes of the seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index, annualized. For 1983, it is Babson's forecast that average monthly readings for the CPI will shade only fractionally lower. However, the bulk of the further betterment will occur in the first half of 1983. Beyond mid-year, the effects of the upward trend in business will mean firmer prices, but no return of dangerously high inflationary pressures.

Supply gluts of oil, coal, metals and other industrial raw materials, plus heavy overhangs of foodstuffs, are bulwarks against any long run of stiff price increases during the year ahead. However, deeply depressed wholesale prices are bound to experience some revival.

Interest Rates - Money & Credit

The welcomed downturn in interest rates encompassing the entire span of the maturity scale exceeded expectations during 1982. Babson's foresees further easing on in 1983. The prime rate, for example, could sag to around 10%. Long-term interest rates will also work more on the downside. However, sometime in the year's second half, firm-to-higher tendencies will bend interest rate curves back upward.

Foreign Affairs

U.S.-Soviet relations will not show much change until the new Kremlin leadership is fully organized. There will be a strong flow of rhetoric like the recent blasts debunking each other's arms and nuclear weapons charges, but no outright severing of dialogue in 1983. Thus, the odds are against any early and substantive talks on nuclear and other arms limitations or reductions—more likely is movement in the opposite direction initially—but the atmosphere could improve later in the year. American influence on Mideast matters offers distinct opportunities for enhancement of U.S. prestige and role in that region, but only if our cards are played correctly. Prospects in Latin America are not as sanguine, with the danger more a matter of setbacks for U.S. efforts from time and consequent erosion in American influence.

Stock And Bond Outlook

The abrupt and spectacular transition in the trend of stock prices from down to up-bringing with it a similar basic change in investment sentiment during the late summer of 1982—was an important development. The staff of Babson's Reports regards the change as a basic and genuine trend reversal which is not apt to run its course quickly. As a matter of record, therefore, the Babson forecast is for stock prices to work higher in 1983, with the Dow Jones industrial average moving in a range of 940 on the downside to 1250 on the upside, although it would not be a surprise to see the DJIA brushing against the 1300 mark at its peak for the year. Thus,

Babson's recommends that investors adhere to an 1983 investment policy which is more aggressive than otherwise—yet consistent with the individual needs of each investor. The impressive rally of second-half 1982 notwithstanding, many common stock prices have merely rebounded from deeply oversold levels and hence can still make rewarding upside progress. Judicious selections can be made to beef up portfolios, whether the investor's goal is growth, capital appreciation, or income, or any combination thereof. The bond market also can make further upside progress during the year ahead.

City enters CD program

BELLE GLADE—The Belle Glade City Commission Monday, December 27, ratified an agreement that makes the city's Community Development Program eligible for funding under the county program, but asked the city administration to negotiate with the county before it would authorize the contract for the first project funded through that agreement.

According to previous reports, the agreement linking the city and county programs will make a larger sum of money available from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development than was available when he local program operated on its own funds.

The commission voted 5-0 to accept that agreement.

The second agreement the Palm Beach County Community Development program sought the city commission's approval on "was sent back for renegotiation."

It would have provided up to \$60,000 for street improvements to two "target areas."

Under that agreement, SW Fourth and Third Streets between SW Avenues G and E, and SW Avenue F between SW Fourth and Second Streets would have been resurfaced. Engineering plans would have been prepared for several other projects.

If any of the costs would have exceeded \$60,000, the city would have been obligated to underwrite that overrun, according to the agreement.

The clause obligating the city to make up any cost overruns was the portion the commission objected most strenuously to.

Mayor Thomas L. Altman said he thought it unreasonable for the county to expect the city to obligate itself to make up any cost overrun before any estimates or bids had been received, particularly since the city had no part in setting the ceiling of \$60,000.

"We can certainly keep them (the two projects) well within that \$60,000," said Kemar Harvin, the city's Community Development director.

He said the county determined the ceiling by examining the costs incurred at similar projects in other cities.

If the estimates on city projects did come in over the \$60,000 alternative, Harvin suggested the city could reduce the scope of the projects or negotiate with the county program.

Altman said the county's proposed agreement left no room for negotiation and obligated it to underwriting any cost overruns.

Reducing the scope of projects or renegotiating with the county program wasn't sanctioned by it, he said.

"Well, I'm concerned about the cost estimates and the fact that the city, I think you said the city would have to pay for any cost overruns," Altman said. "The city didn't set the cap, but would be obligated to cover cost overruns in the project."

Altman said the obligation didn't seem like much with only \$60,000 at stake, but in the future, when the city might be dealing in projects totaling \$600,000 or more, any cost overrun could be too much for the city to be expected to cover.

City Attorney John E. Baker said the city should ask for the inclusion of an "escape clause" that would allow the city to back out of the project if estimates were too high to meet available funding.

He added that the county was hoping to get the project agreement ratified as soon as possible since it had taken so long to formulate, but Altman said that any delay in formulating the proposal was due to the county, and the city shouldn't hurry its decision because of that.

Baker compared the county's attempt to put the \$60,000 cap into the agreement, before receiving estimates or bids to "putting the cart before the horse," and asked for the city commission to allow county and city officials to get together and put things back into the proper order.

Altman also objected to the inflexibility of the agreement. When it operated its own program independently, the city could shift the focus of the project as the need arose. Under the proposal, the county had to be consulted in any change.

Harvin said the contract still gives the city more flexibility than granted other municipalities because it already has an operating Community Development program and staff.

Commissioner William Grear said he was wary of any agreement with the county from the start and was opposed to this one.

"I don't trust them (the county)," said Grear.

"Never have. And here is a prime example."

"I don't think it was the county trying to put something across," said Harvin. "I just think it was a situation where this didn't fit the bill."

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Obituaries

Pahokee has new-old truck

JOHN VERNON THOMAS

John Vernon Thomas Sr., age 81 of 377 Kismet Ave., Pahokee died Thursday December 23, 1982. He was a native of Pasco County, Florida and a resident of Pahokee since 1921. He was a retired Gulf Oil Distributor, member of the Pahokee First United Methodist Church, Past Master Everglades Masonic Lodge 211, and a member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 184.

Survivors include one son, John V. Thomas Jr., of Pahokee, one daughter, Nancy Gargus of Charleston, West Virginia, a sister, Edna Barrett, West Palm Beach, and four grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, December 27, 1982, 2 p.m. at the Pahokee First United Methodist Church with Rev. A.F. Donovan officiating. Interment was at the Port Mayaca Cemetery with Masonic grave side services.

Active Pallbearers were: Chandler McIlwain, Buddy Pitts, Donnell Jarrell, Dick Lane, Billy Mackey and Bobby Mackey. Honorary Pallbearers were: Ralph Johnson, Robert Simonson, Rupert Mock, Bruce Bowe, Olaf Bae, Minter Collins and Herman Hendrix.

Wetherington Funeral Home, Pahokee was in charge of arrangements.

ROSA LEE BURNER

Rosa Lee Burner age 57 of 1324 N.W. 12th St., Belle Glade died December 25, 1982 at the Miami Heart Institute in Miami Beach. She was a native of Philippi, West Virginia. She has lived in Belle Glade for one year, coming here from Barboursburg, Ohio. She was a member of the Church of God.

Survivors include her husband, James D. Burner of Belle Glade; two sons Neason, Burner of Belle Glade and James Lee Burner of Barborton, Ohio, one

daughter Kimberly D. Knittle of El Paso, Texas, one sister Juanita Farcin of Culafax, West Virginia and five grandchildren. Funeral services were under the direction of the Phillips-Wright Funeral Home, 125 N. Main St., Philippi, West Virginia and the Barbour Memorial Cemetery of that city. Mixson Funeral Home in Belle Glade was in charge of local arrangements.

By JEFF BROWN

PAHOKEE — There haven't been too many fires in Pahokee to keep the fire department busy, but that doesn't necessarily mean the crew's been sitting on its hands lately.

In the past month, Fire Chief Cecil Phillips and Assistant Fire Chief Dan Sanders have restored a 12-year old pickup truck between fighting a few minor fires and other chores.

The 1971 International-Harvester pickup was bought new and has been restored twice by Phillips since.

This time, he and Sanders saved the city over \$1,000, said Phillips.

A body shop would have charged the city \$1,500 for the work they've done on it for slightly over \$500, he said.

Work on the restoration started about a month ago.

Rust had eaten away at the body. The front of the hood had to be cut off and replaced with two layers of galvanized steel and fiberglass.

Rust had also damaged several spots around the windshield and on the fenders. The bumpers were dented and the bed of the truck was rusted through in several spots.

The rust was cut out with a saw. Phillips, who did the body work, said he prefers to cut the rust out because sanding the outside surface doesn't remove the rust in the interior surface of the steel.

If the rust isn't removed from those areas, it will eventually rust through again, he said.

Galvanized steel and fiberglass were used to restore those areas to their original shape.

The front grill, which was originally painted black, was stripped to the chrome and put back on the front. Bumpers were straightened and painted silver.

Sanders did the mechanical work, rebuilding the brakes and repairing other mechanical problems with the truck.

Phillips applied a little handwork to the carburetor Tuesday and said he has running properly now.

They also cleaned the engine, using an air compressor and gasoline.

Phillips and Sanders even mixed the paint for the vehicle.

The paint store they went to didn't properly mix the candy-apple red paint, according to the two firemen, and it ended up orange instead of red.

The two mixed a dark red paint with the orange and created the color they desired to

put on the truck.

They used a compressor and primed and painted truck in the firehouse.

All that remains now is for the decals to be placed on the truck and the window in the driver's door to be repaired.

Phillips said restoring the truck was easy. He had done similar work to it in 1976 and had been doing automobile body work since he was eight years old.

He said in his younger days, there was no fiberglass compounds to use. Lead had to be melted with a blow-torch into the gaps created by rust or seams.



TRUCK RESTORATION -- Fire Chief Cecil Phillips, right, and Assistant Fire Chief Dan Sanders, left, restored the 1971 International-Harvester pick-up for

a little over \$200. According to Phillips, estimates had ranged to as much as \$1,500 if the city would have had the work done at a garage.

Floyd (Lester) Clarke

Floyd (Lester) Clarke, age 67 of 601 SE First St., Belle Glade died Dec. 26, 1982 at Glades General Hospital. He was a native of Rochester, New York and came to the Glades in 1940 from Seattle, Washington. He was enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade, the American Legion Post 20, the Belle Glade Elks Club 1716 and Masonic Lodge F * AM 273.

Before his retirement from Glades Sugar Refinery, he was a sales co-ordinator for that company.

Survivors include his wife, Jewel C. Clarke; one son: Floyd Lester Clarke III of Yuma, Arizona and two daughters: Susan Littleton of San Diego, Calif. and Leesa O'Steen of West Palm Beach; three stepsons, Bobby Willis, Ivan Willis and Chris Willis, all of Belle Glade and one stepdaughter, Suzanne Pierce of West Palm Beach; one brother, Frank Clarke of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Charlotte Brown and Margaret Steele, both of Seattle, Washington; eight grandchildren and eight step-

children.

Graveside services were held at Port Mayaca Cemetery in Martin County, December 21st at 10:00 A.M.

Mixson Funeral Home in Belle Glade was in charge of arrangements.

ROSE MARY

GAGNON

Rose Mary Gagnon, age 75 of Wacha, Florida died Friday, December 17, 1982.

She was a native of Newberry, Florida and a former long time resident of Pahokee.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Gagnon, a daughter, Joyce Hood of Pahokee, one brother, two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were held Monday, December 20, 1982 10:00 a.m. at the Pahokee First Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Hudson officiating. Interment was at the Evergreen Cemetery, Okeechobee.

Pallbearers were: Ralph Crews, Bucky Sanders, Ted Johnson, Julian Branch and Ralph Grimes.

Wetherington Funeral Home, Pahokee was in charge of arrangements.

HENRY B. BAXTER

Henry B. Baxter, age 63 of S.E. 4th, Four Seasons Estates, Okeechobee died Saturday, December 18th 1982 at his home.

He was a native of Florida and a resident of Pahokee most of his life, a retired harvesting contractor and Veteran of World War II.

Survivors include one son, Benny Baxter, of Dallas, Texas, and one brother, Morris Baxter, of Okeechobee.

Services were held Wednesday, December 22, 1982 2:00 p.m. at the Wetherington Chapel, Pahokee with Rev. Joe Hudson officiating. Interment was at the Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Arlan Simmons, Andy Thorn, Roland Todd, Joseph Padgett and Marion Spooner.

Wetherington Funeral Home, Pahokee was in charge of arrangements.

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Glades hospital in a number of years.

January 28
Palm Beach County School Board members got an awful when they came to the Glades to find how people here felt about consolidating Glades Central and Pahokee High Schools. Virtually every comment made during the meeting held at West Tech was in opposition to the plan.

Off duty Clewiston Police Officer Tito Nieves saw his entire family burn to death in a U.S. 27 accident that took the lives of six people in Nieves' car after Nieves had stopped to check out an accident on the smoggy highway and a semi-truck ran over his car and burst into flames.

The Belle Glade City Commission voted support for a redistricting plan under consideration in the state legislature. Under the proposal, which was finally adopted, the city would come into a district represented by James Watt.

February 4
The Belle Glade City Commission approved an \$8.4 million water and sewer bond issue. The issue was being floated to pay for major improvements in the city's water and sewer treatment plants and install a large booster pump at the water intake point.

Plans were being laid for Pahokee's 60th anniversary celebration. The plans included a dance, a barbecue and a parade and eight high school bands had been invited to join the parade.

Glades area schools swept the county in the mathematics portion of the annual academic games, taking first, second and third places in high school competition.

February 18
The Okelanta sugar mill was the site of a pay dispute between offshore sugar cane cutters and management and 1,500 workers were shipped home when they protested at the end of a harvest season ruined by drought and freezing weather.

February 25
Members of the Black Gold Jubilee Committee rescinded its action of a week earlier and scuttled plans to sell beer at the upcoming celebration.

The committee took the action following complaints registered by five in-town and two out-of-town churches. The discovery of a channel re-opened Lake Okechobee to boat traffic which had been detained by Key West as the lake levels continued to fall in a 700-year drought.

Work was continuing on improvements, including a paved runway with remotely operated lights, at Belle Glade Airport, following a \$40,000 donation from the county commission.

March 4
A pair of political newcomers defeated incumbent South Bay City Commissioners Ray Sullivan and Sammy Rogers as the challengers, Rennick Morris and Willie Marshall took their seats without runoff.

As their first action, Morris and Marshall voted with the other three commissioners to

keep city ordinances which would have, if abolished as planned, allow the use of the old city hall as a package store and bar.

The Belle Glade Police Benevolent Association disclaimed any relationship with the county PBA, on whose behalf area residents were receiving telephone solicitations. Detective J.R. Eberle said the local group is the annual policemen's ball.

March 11
Several Congressmen and federal officials visited the Glades area to research the H-2 farm labor immigration program as it is practiced here.

Final plans were being laid for the celebration of Pahokee's 60th anniversary party on Mar. 20 as invitations were issued to singers, politicians and other celebrities.

March 18
The Pahokee Blue Devils earned the number one ranking in Class AA high school basketball when they defeated Vernon High in the state championship game.

A group of 31 Glades Day students left on a 10-day tour of Europe, where they were due to travel through several countries.

A thwarted mass breakout at Glades Correctional Institution sparked a seminar for correctional personnel from all over South Florida to go over what measures could be taken to prevent just such a breakout by organized crime.

March 25
The City of South Bay lost virtually its entire police department through resignations caused by the announcement of a partial return to the city council form of government.

Also tendering his resignation was acting City Manager Lomax Harrelle.

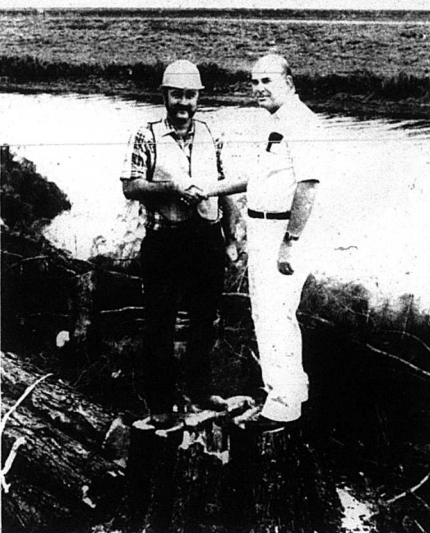
The Palm Beach County School Board sounded the death knell for a proposed consolidated high school which would have combined the student bodies of Glades Central and Pahokee High Schools.

The rejection came on the heels of two meetings in which many Glades residents protested the consolidation.

J. Ray Hatton was named Citizen of the Year at the annual Pahokee Chamber of Commerce banquet held at the Prince Theatre.

April 1
The Douglas Tanner and Vernita M. Cox Parks were officially dedicated at ceremonies at the Tanner Park recreation center.

The first of the two



On hand to watch the last tree on Highway 27 go down were Frank Jones of the Canal Hazard Committee and Department of Transportation Engineer Kenneth Bowers. Bowers and Jones stands atop of the fallen tree.

parks was named after the son of Mayor Donald Tanner and the second after City Commissioner Vernita Cox.

Glades residents received the first of a series of shipments of government surplus cheese, brought into the area by Golden Gators, who distributed the free dairy product at several centers in the Glades.

April 8
The City of Belle Glade advertised for bids of people interested in taking over the Lakeside Country Club, closed following financial problems by former lessor John Vaizey.

The 1982 Black Gold Jubilee was termed the biggest and best ever by committee chairman Steve Weeks. "I heard a lot of people say they particularly liked the new pavilion where they could spread out more rather than the old one where they were bunched together."

Pahokee City Council candidate Simon Train removed his name from the city election ballot in the wake of complaints by opponent Jim Usher, who said Train had an unfair advantage with his disc jockey job with Country K Radio.

April 15
A state fire marshal was investigating a Pahokee fire that left 19 people homeless. The blaze destroyed a total of six buildings.

April 22
Palm Beach Junior College officials migrated to the Glades to dedicate the Dolley

Hand Cultural Arts Center, a new 500-seat auditorium opened at the Glades campus.

Gov. Bob Graham toured the Glades area and had a luncheon at the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Inc. to get a first hand look at water management in the region.

Seven students from Glades Central and Pahokee High Schools were among top scholars in the county to be honored by First American Bank as part of an annual salute to top grade-getters in the public schools.

April 29
The Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Inc. harvested its 20th crop and began planning a party to celebrate the event, inviting the company's friends for the good times.

May 6
The Herald-Observer ran the best picture Jeff Brown said he ever took, a classic shot of County Judge Don Adams, holding a beer in one hand, while pointing a finger at Brown's camera with the friendly warning, "Why don't you drop by sometime...like the next time you get a speeding ticket."

Don was helping the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida celebrate its 20th crop. One of the most chilling murders in Glades history was closed when Wayne Callender was convicted for the 1981 slaying of Randolph C. Williams, 67, and his wife, Lorraine, 63, while they slept in their home.

May 13
Jon Mock was named chairman of the Pahokee City Council following the city election that saw the seating of two new city councilmen.

Ada Bush replaced former Council Chairman George Rashley and Ronnie Graydon replaced former Councilman Hugo Raineri.

Savings and loan officials announced the merger of Everglades Federal Savings and Loan Association with Florida Federal.

Pahokee High School Principal Jack Redding, who'd earlier announced he would retire at the end of the school year, said he'd stay on after all, bringing a standing ovation from the 900 people on hand at the school's graduation ceremonies.

May 20
Plans to upgrade the Belle Glade Airport with the addition of a paved, lighted runway inched forward when plans and blueprints were presented to the city commission in a workshop.

The Glades area solid waste transfer station would have to sink or swim on its own, according to Solid Waste Executive Director Tim Hunt, who said rates would have to be raised unless a diverted waste stream could be gotten back on course.

May 27
A total of 70 seniors were graduated from Glades Day and Christian Day Schools. Jeff Smith, Felisa Orduna, Ines Tomeu, Kelly Teets, Maria Del Pilar

Figueiras and Gina Marie Williams were the top scholars.

Belle Glade Mayor Tom Altman dismissed as "categorically and patently untrue" charges in a suit filed against the city by Willie Joe Davis that the city had misused federal revenue sharing funds, and that the city's funds should be cut off because of racist policies.

June 3
Glades residents and fields were drenched with 11 inches of rain in 10 days, according to AREC weather observer Dr. Robert Allen, setting records to help end a 700-year drought.

Five South Bay youngsters were injured when the car they were in slammed into a telephone pole on SR 80.

A pair of Pahokee men brought high-tech lifestyles to the Glades when Alvis Davis and Hugo Raineri put large, dish antennae in their yards to bring in television programming directly from satellite signals.

June 10
State Student Assessment Test scores that had been far below those in coastal schools, made a sharp curve upward for students in Glades area schools, bringing them much closer and in some cases higher than their cousins on the coast.

Karl Cushnie, despite a family tragedy shortly before

when his mother was killed in an auto accident on SR 80, managed to graduate as one of the top two seniors at Glades Central High School.

June 18
An all-out assault on mosquitoes was being planned as the pesky critters were showing up in greater numbers than anyone in the area could remember.

The glades-nippers were making massive appearances in the wake of heavy rains that led to huge spawnings.

Belle Glade city officials found the taste test best when they sipped water that had gone through a pilot ozonation process at the city water treatment plant.

The officials, specifically invited citizens and members of the press said the water was odorless, colorless and tasted good.

June 24
A tour of the blighted area of Belle Glade by the Palm Beach County Community Relations Board was called a case of grandstanding for the media by Mayor Tom Altman.

Altman said the board didn't seem interested in working constructively with the city to solve problems in the area.

Emergency low levels of Lake Okechobee were declared over by the South Florida Water Management District, solved by heavy rains during the spring.

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West Technical Education Center

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COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

REGISTRATION for evening classes at West Technical Education Center will be from 8am to 8pm January 3 through January 7, 1983. REGISTRATION for Community Schools will be held the first night of their classes. NO REFUNDS will be made after first class meeting. BOOKS AND MATERIALS ARE EXTRA. 10 Week Semester Starting 1/10/83 and Ending 3/18/83.

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Truck Driving (Advanced)	R	7-10pm	*MTEC	Gilbert
BUSINESS EDUCATION				
Typing	M & W	7-10pm	*ACC	Allen
Bookkeeping	T & R	7-10pm	*PH	Brown
Bookkeeping	T & R	7-10pm	*ACC	Watkins
Shorthand	T & R	7-10pm	*PH	Brown
Shorthand	T & R	7-10pm	*ACC	Davis
HEALTH EDUCATION				
Medical Terminology	M & W	7-10pm	*MTEC	TSB
Emergency Medical Technician	TBA	7-10pm	*MTEC	Herr
HOME ECONOMICS				
Sewing	M & W	7-10pm	*ACC	Pylron
Sewing	T & R	7-10pm	*PH	Boyd
Sewing	M & W	7-10pm	*LSM	Robinson
INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION				
Air Conditioning	M & W	7-10pm	*MTEC	Webb
Auto Body Repair	T & R	7-10pm	*MTEC	Redish
Auto Body Repair	M & W	7-10pm	*MTEC	Bryant
Auto Mechanics (FOR WOMEN)	T & R	7-10pm	*MTEC	Bryant
Carpentry/Cabinetmaking	T & R	7-10pm	*MTEC	Whidden
Diesel Engines (Basic)	M & W	7-10pm	*MTEC	TBA
Diesel Engines (Detroit)	T & R	7-10pm	*MTEC	TBA
Electric Wiring	T & R	7-10pm	*MTEC	Duboy
Machine Shop	M & W	7-10pm	*MTEC	Bethes
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Glades Day School wins second football championship

lake level was expected to be back to normal by Oct. 1.

July 1
High water levels brought on by extremely heavy rains brought about the possibility for a deer hunt in the Everglades.

Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission officers said the hunt might be necessary to avoid massive die-offs as the deer were forced by high water on deer islands without enough

July 8
The Pahokee Housing Authority was hit with a lawsuit by South Florida Sanitation in a dispute over who had the right to pick up garbage in the authority's projects outside the city limits. The authority had been considering buying its own garbage truck to pick up its own garbage, rather than continue under the contract with South Florida.

The Southwestern Palm Beach County Hospital District board of directors was brought up to full strength when Gov. Bob Graham appointed Barney Weeks and Mercedes Robinson and reappointed David Hill and Lee Berryhill into the policy-making body.

July 15
The Belle Glade City Commission and pack store owner Larry Simmons were working together to try to find a way to allow Simmons to sell draft beer at his package store.

United States Sugar Corp. Vice President Bob Lee presented a \$25,000 check on behalf of the company. Pahokee Mayor Duncan Padgett said the money would be used for renovating the city fire station.

Glades native Calvin Peete won the Greater Milwaukee Open, the second time he's won the event.

July 22
Belle Glade Mayor Tom Altman and City Commissioners Charles Goodlett were on hand the first day of qualifying to sign up as candidates for re-election in the city election scheduled for Sept. 14.

The two incumbents were to prove to be the only qualifiers and, for the first time in the city's history, no city election was held.

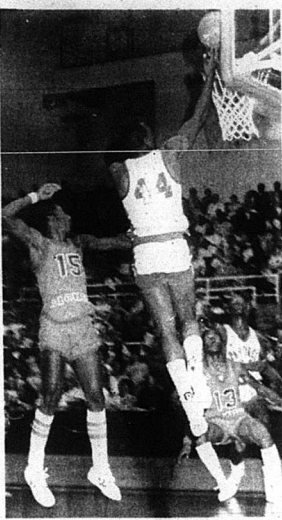
The Belle Glade Post Office had firm plans to open its new office on Northwest Avenue L and close the old operation on Southeast Avenue D.

Something else new was deposited in Pahokee, in the form of a new telephone switching office brought in by a Southern Bell crew. The new facility was to provide the city with the latest in telephonic technology.

July 29
The Belle Glade City Commission, frustrated in earlier efforts to annex portions of land behind Glades General Hospital, asked City Attorney John Baker to find some means of making the annexation.

Seminole Sugar Corp. wanted to annex the land into the city and develop housing units on it.

Fort Lauderdale woman asked the Pahokee City Council to lease her city-owned park within the Herbert Hoover dike so she could build a \$5 million resort. The woman reportedly intended to complete her late husband's dream of a chain of marina



PAHOKEE's Walter Johnson (44 in light jersey) goes to the hoop against Vernon High School's Glenn Harris Saturday. Pahokee won the game and the state championship. During the regular season, the Blue Devils squeaked by Clewiston twice, but won more convincingly in the district play-offs.

facilities from the Atlantic Ocean to the gulf coast.

August 5
The South Bay City Commission demoted a sergeant in the police department at the end of a meeting in which Patrolman Robert Walker accused the commission of racial prejudice. The commission decided to administer a test to Walker and Steven Shumacher, with the one getting the highest score being given the sergeant's position. Shumacher had been hired by Chief Charles Forrest.

August 12
The Pahokee City Council began raising questions over the proposed construction of a \$5 million resort at Pahokee Harbor. The Belle Glade City Commission began work on a new ordinance which would require local merchants wouldn't be required to lock up beer and wine displays on Sunday before sales could legally begin.

August 19
The Belle Glade City Commission appealed a federal revenue sharing adjustment that decreased the city's share by \$80,000.

Glades General Hospital sued Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance Co. over an audit the insurance company did, which reached back through three years of records.

August 26
Belle Glade City Commission reacted to complaints about teenagers making noise at night in Lyon's Park by moving to restrict parking in the park area.

Belle Glade City Attorney John Baker was authorized to draft an ordinance which would permit local package store owner Larry Simmons to sell draft beer by the glass.

September 2
Belle Glade Mayor Tom Altman sharply criticized the Palm Beach County Community Relations Board over the board's methods of investigating housing conditions in the city and offering suggested solutions to the county commission.

The Belle Glade City election was cancelled for the first time ever when incumbents Tom

Altman and Charles Goodlett, the only two up for re-election, received no opposition.

September 9
Overcrowding was one of the primary topics of discussion during a meeting of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Corrections at Glades Correctional Institution. Several angry residents protested taxes at a South Bay City Commission meeting but the commissioners told them they had nothing to do with the tax appraisals.

September 16
Belle Glade City Commissioners planned a review of obligations made by Jones Interchange, Inc., the local cablevision company, in a franchise agreement. The review came on the heels of complaints of service.

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce began laying plans for what was tentatively named the "Catfish Festival", an event meant to celebrate the city's anniversary.

September 23
Murder and rape charges were filed against James Richard Vickers, a 24-year-old South Bay man, in connection with the death of 13-month-old Shamya Inman.

Belle Glade City Manager Rolfe Wagner announced plans to leave the city in a mutual agreement with city commissioners. He said he would be going to the Southwest as soon as he could find a new city manager's position.

An estimated 1.14 million tons of raw sugar would be harvested in the 1982-83 season according to a forecast made by the Florida Sugar Cane League.

September 30
The Pahokee City Council was seeking a state grant to cover the cost overrun in the city water plant's operation. Glades General Hospital officials showed off recently installed computer and monitoring equipment which would be used in a new Critical Care Unit.

October 7
The Pahokee City Council was wrestling

with a pension problem, attempting to find a way to allow Mayor Duncan Padgett to keep a pension awarded him in 1980 without winding up broke in the future.

October 14
Belle Glade Mayor Tom Altman said he would ask the state Department of Transportation to remain flexible, possibly by a delay, on closing the Point Chosen Bridge during an upcoming six-month project to repair the structure.

Belle Glade City Manager Rolfe Wagner's announcement he had accepted a new job in New Mexico prompted the city commission to make plans to find a replacement.

October 21
Tommy Strang, an associate and stockholder with Briley-Wild Associates, was formally offered the position of city manager for the City of Belle Glade. Members of the Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay governments met to discuss the new life into the moribund Tri-City League in an effort to arrive at common solutions to common problems.

October 29
Irving and Abbie Zump were named the annual Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet when Mrs. Zump was named Citizen of the Year and her husband was named the "Industrial Man of the Year."

Other award winners were Policemen of the Year Dan Crist, Fireman of the Year Jack Jock and the category, Dolly Hand won the Distinguished Service Award.

With most of the money on hand and the credit on the shelf in unissued bonds, the Belle Glade City Commission accepted recommendations and awarded contracts to W.E.D. Contractors, Inc. for \$2.7 million.

The commissioners also agreed to increase water rates to pay for increased costs.

November 4
The Belle Glade City Commission met with a contingent of the Palm Beach County Community Relations Board to discuss suggestions to improve housing and racial relations in the city.

Despite acrimonious comments about each other in the past, the two boards agreed on at least two courses of action.

Environmental Aviation Services, Inc. owner Howard Barker won a court battle in his war with beekeepers in the eastern part of the county, who lost a bid to have him pay them \$160,000 for alleged killing thousands of their bees when he was spraying mosquitoes.

November 11
Tommy Strang announced he would definitely accept the position of city manager in Belle Glade, probably retiring from his position as an associate at Briley-Wild on Nov. 19 and beginning here the first of December.

After almost two years of searching, the city of Belle Glade installed a new \$87,750 computer, replacing a four-year old computer that never really did the job required.

City Attorney Michael Stauder advised the Pahokee City Council an ordinance adopted earlier to provide a pension for Mayor Duncan

Padgett was illegal. He said the city should repeal the ordinance and buy back the pension.

November 18
Marijuana rained from the sky when a pot-laden twin engine airplane roared over Belle Glade, with two customs planes in hot pursuit.

The smugglers threw an undetermined number of bales of the wacky weed into sugar cane fields before landing at a private airstrip and burning the plane.

A public airstrip also received attention when the Belle Glade City Commission ordered the staff to prepare a master plan for the Belle Glade Airport.

Mayor Tom Altman said it was undecided whether S.N. Knight and Sons would be allowed to base five jets at the field.

November 25
The body of a Belle Glade woman reported missing two weeks earlier was found in a drainage ditch on SR 80 between Belle Glade and South Bay. Detectives were attempting to determine the cause of death for Julie Berry Ramos.

December 2
Belle Glade city commissioners were examining the possibility of reorganizing the city's departments, making a series of five departments instead of nine.

Property taxpayers in Pahokee learned they would be getting partial refunds because the city council adopted an amendment which lowered taxes \$4.10 per \$1,000 of taxable property.

The Belle Glade City Commission approved a contract with incoming City Manager Tommy Strang, who began working for the city on Dec. 6, was to be paid an annual salary of \$40,000.

December 9
The Glades Day School Gators were on their way to the other end of the state to play Baker in the Class A championship football game after defeating Sarasota Booker, 14-0.

The Belle Glade City Commission approved resolutions necessary to float a \$4.3 million bond issue to be used to improve the city's water and sewer systems.

December 16
The Glades Day School Gators won their second state Class A football championship in three years, trekking to Baker to conquer the Panhandle team by a score of 9-3.

December 23
There were only four minor injuries as a result of a series of three accidents involving a dozen trucks and cars on US 27 four miles north of the Broward County line.

South Bay city commissioners split the fire and police departments and tentatively named Assistant Fire Chief Johnny Parchment as chief, taking the title away from Public Safety Director Charles Forrest.

The fire department was brought under the supervision of the police chief, who was made public safety director, about three years ago in a move based on the provision of the fire chief of the time and economy.



TORNADOS WERE SIGHTED over the lake between Pahokee and Belle Glade in July. No damage was reported.

Blood pressure screening

BELLE GLADE—The major underlying cause for stroke, the biggest killer this country has ever known, is high blood pressure. Stroke doesn't just happen to the elderly. It is estimated that two million persons a year are rendered unemployable by stroke.

The Palm Beach County Fire Chiefs Association and the American Heart Association will conduct free blood pressure screenings

Cougars win league and tournament

BELLE GLADE—The Cougars are double winners. Coached by Louis Butts, the Cougar are the league and tournament winners in the 9 to 12 year old flag football division sponsored by the City of Belle Glade Recreation Department.

Butts said the Cougars completed the season with a 14-0 regular season record and a 2-0 tournament record.

The Cougars defeated the Junior Raiders, coached by Lomie Devose and Tim Rumph, Jr., 18-7, to win the tournament.

Eight local teams participated in the tournament. The tournament standings were the Cougars, first; Junior Raiders, second and the Electros, third. In league play, the Electros finished second and the Junior Raiders were third. The Electros were coached by Johnny Mack and Venise Colman.

Receiving awards were Reginald Miller, Gary Miller, Oscar McCrory, Daniel Williams, Jamie Joseph, Darian Morris, Norris Workman, Ron Williams, Claymore Fill, James Mitchell, Greg Mitchell, Clifton Hamilton, Charles Osborne, Craig Anderson, Benjamin Rhodes and Timothy Jones.

City and bowling alley to sponsor youth bowling

BELLE GLADE—Hey kids, want something to do with your Saturday mornings in the Glades? How about bowling?

The Belle Glade Recreation Department and the Belle Glade Bowl bowling alley will be co-sponsoring a youth bowling league starting Saturday, January 8.

The league, which will be sanctioned by the Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA), will be divided into five divisions with age groups ranging from 21 under.

Team sponsors Jerry Roberts and Willie Floyd of the FoxTrap Lounge presented team members with championship jackets and individual trophies.

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Progressive dinner held

BELLE GLADE—Members of Xi Iota Alpha enjoyed several social dining festive holidays.

On November 18, members of Xi Iota Alpha and husbands enjoyed a Progressive Dinner at the home of Mrs. Evelyn and Mr. Wilson. Dinner served as the hostess was Mrs. Vivian Miller. Mrs. Frances and Joe Miller served desert. The decorations carried the theme, "Key to Friendship."

Mrs. Lano was hostess for the November meeting held at the home of Mrs. Elna Phillips. On Dec. 4, the Society held a fundraising sale. According to Publicity Chairman Norma L. Phillips, the sale was a success.

So sorry for the loss of Mrs. Janis Phillips and her students at St. Peter's Lutheran School ended the members of Xi Iota Alpha with a Christmas program.

December 4, the Lutheran Society of Belle Glade sponsored a refreshment for students after the performance. Members then met at the home of Mrs. Elna Phillips for a regular meeting.

A tradition of Christmas bazaar held at the home of Mrs. Elna Phillips and Bobbly Sacks on Dec. 11. Several members with their husbands attended the program at the Belle Glade Cultural Center. The cracker buffet. Decorations the Steele's provided.

Other teams competing in the league were the Charges, Hurricanes, Rough Riders, Jets, and the Wildcats. Butts said the Cougars were presented with a team trophy for winning the league and tournament by the recreation department and each team member received a certificate.

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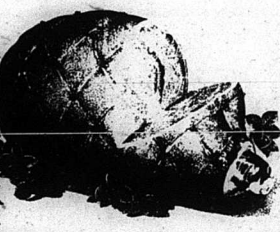
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GLADES: There will be a Chapter I: Ethnic and Migrant Programs Districtwide Parent Council meeting in room SC 12 at Palm Beach Junior College Glades

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PBJC will vary the continuing education courses.

BELLE GLADE-The Continuation Education Department at Palm Beach Junior College Glades Center is planning a number of workshops for Spring of 1983.

The college is presently compiling a list of classes residents interested in either a commercial or a community workshop. If enough interest is shown, Fred Stevens will begin organizing community music classes for an evening a week for Western Palm Beach County.

Plans for PBJC at 996-0505 are interested.

Workshops planned by the college include: Bible Education, Buying a Home Computer, Conversational Spanish, Cake Decorating, Dog Training, becoming an advocate, Personal Safety, Fishing, Lake Okechobee, Gourmet Cooking, and a Sunday afternoon, IRS-Paying your taxes.

Designing a curriculum for Environmental Protection, Occupational Painting, Personal and Public Relations, Photography, Beginning and Intermediate Foods, Small Business, Nutrition, Sewing, Veterinary Training, Nurses, Paralegal, and Pre-natal education for the

Pahokee award accreditation.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, through its Commission on Elementary Schools, has awarded accreditation to the Pahokee Elementary School.

The announcement was made by Dr. Paul McLendon during the Association's 87th Annual Meeting here December 29-31.

The accreditation of schools and systems is based on an evaluation of each school to determine if it meets or only the needs of the students and community, but also the standards of the Commission. The evaluation process includes a study by the school's review by a visiting committee of professional educators representing the Association's member elementary schools and systems.



MICHAEL AND LEONIE NAYOR of Hanau, West Germany was recently in Belle Glade, sharing their ideas on world peace and unity.

Naylors travel through south Florida

BELLE GLADE—Is world unity possible? Michael and Leonie Naylor of Hanau, Germany, think so and are currently on a trip through South Florida and the Caribbean promoting the existence of the Baha'i Faith and holding discussions on the necessity for world unity.

Michael, director of Hanau German Theatre Orchestra and chorus and staff arranger for German Big Band and Orchestra in Frankfurt, Germany said he and his wife believe universal peace is not a utopia, but a reality to be established now.

The Naylors, speakers of several languages used that edge to help spread the idea for world peace. While in Miami, Leonie said they heard about Belle Glade being an international community. Although Belle Glade was not part of the planned itinerary, they traveled to the Glades to meet with area residents to share their ideas for world peace.

Leonie, of Mahe, Seychelles (Indian Ocean), and a French, German, and English translator since 1976 said she spent quite a bit of time talking with members of the Haitian community while in Belle Glade.

Michael said he found many residents of the area to hold negative views about the Haitians.

"Many of the commoner, I heard was about Haitians coming to America to take jobs away from American workers," Naylor said.

He added that many Haitians asked that Leonie explain to the citizens of Belle Glade their reason for coming to America and why they had to flee their homeland.

Michael said it is his belief that the negative feelings about Haitians and other foreigners living in America is due to Americans not understanding and accepting cultural differences.

The Naylors believe in the necessity for the elimination of prejudice of all kinds and held a candid discussion with numerous students on the streets on prejudice of all kinds.

The Naylors ended their visit to the Glades with an evening of music and discussion at the Mt. Carmel Restaurant, a local establishment catering to Haitian cuisine.

Jackson named outstanding soldier

Pvt. Arnold J. Jackson, son of John L. and Ella Jackson of 740 S.W. Eighth St., Belle Glade, has been named outstanding soldier of the month for his company at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The soldier was picked from a select group of peers who were judged on military bearing

and knowledge, professional skill and exemplary behavior.

Jackson is a subsistence supply specialist with the 561st Supply and Services Battalion.

He is a 1981 graduate of Glades Central High School, Belle Glade.

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Pahokee to study taxis, traffic patterns

PAHOKEE -- The volume of traffic in Pahokee will be studied so the city council can determine whether the number of taxi-cab permits should be increased.

Sixteen taxi cabs are currently permitted to operate in the city limits.

John Syddell, a taxi

operator who has a county permit, but not a city permit, had asked the city to increase the number of taxi permits the city because of the increased volume of traffic in recent years.

At a meeting earlier this month, he pointed out that the last time the number of permits was increased, several

residential areas now existing just outside the city limits were not in existence.

He said those people frequently use cab service to get into and out of town.

His county permit allows him to bring passengers into town and to bring those same individuals back

out, but he cannot pick-up new passengers inside the city limits without a city permit, he said.

He said those who have both, city and county permits, can transport passengers from inside and outside the city limits, while he may be forced to wait two hours or more to

transport the same passengers.

The last time the city increased the number of taxi-cab permits was 1974, according to City Attorney Michael Stauder.

Councilman Ronnie Graydon Tuesday night, December 28, asked if it would be possible to create a

temporary permit that would be effective only during the months that the population is increased by agricultural laborers.

Stauder said such a permit could be created by city ordinance, but Councilman William McKinstry said that probably wouldn't be necessary.

McKinstry said many cab operators stay idle during the off-season months anyway.

The council defeated a motion by McKinstry to create new taxi permits, deciding instead to have a traffic study made by Police Chief Carmen Salvatore III first.

"Based upon what the ordinance says, you have to do something so the other drivers can't come back and say you've gone against the ordinance," said Stauder.

Tillis, Graydon, Bush and Mock voted against the motion to increase the number of permits because no study had been made. The council decided to have the study made by Salvatore.

"I still think we need to do something," said Councilwoman Ada Bush.

In other business, the council Tuesday night voted to hire DeWayne Mackey, 31, of Pahokee as a third fireman. His annual salary will be \$12,000.



TAX SAVINGS NOTICE

FROM REBECCA E. WALKER, PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Filing Period for Tax Saving Exemptions Begins January 4th and ends March 1st

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION \$25,000

FLORIDA LAW requires that applications be made by MARCH 1, 1983, to be eligible for this \$25,000 exemption in order to qualify for this exemption you must:

1. Hold title to the property as of January 1, 1983.
2. Reside on the property as of January 1, 1983.
3. Be a LEGAL resident of the State of Florida as of January 1, 1983.

You then appear personally at one of the County Property Appraiser's Offices or at one of the scheduled locations shown below and file your application.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU: Deed or Tax Bill or something showing the legal description of the property on which you are claiming homestead exemption; Florida Driver's License; Florida Car Registration; Florida Voter's Registration or Declaration of Domicile. If not a U.S. citizen bring Residency ("Green") Card for both husband and wife.

\$500 WIDOWS' EXEMPTION

Any widow who is a permanent Florida resident may claim this exemption. If the widow remarries, she is no longer eligible and if the husband was not divorced before his death, the woman is not considered a widow. If filing for the first time, please present a Death Certificate or other proof of your widow status.

DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

A disabled veteran who has 10% or more wartime disability is entitled to an additional \$500.00 beyond Homestead Exemption. A "V.A." letter must accompany application, or other acceptable record of disability. Veterans who are totally and permanently disabled as a result of certain service connected disabilities should contact the Appraiser's Office for determination of other special benefits.

AGRICULTURAL (Greenbelt) FILINGS

All owners or lessees of agricultural lands who desire agricultural classification for tax purposes on their property must file an agriculture return every year with the Appraiser between January 1 and March 1.

NON-VETERAN DISABILITY EXEMPTION (\$500.00)

Every Florida resident who is totally and permanently disabled qualifies for this \$500 exemption. If filing for the first time, the applicant must qualify for Homestead Exemption and present proof of the total and permanent disability by obtaining certificates from two licensed physicians of the State who are professionally unimpaired. Residency must be as of January 1, 1983. Quadriplegics should contact the Appraiser's Office for special benefit information. If blind or confined to a wheelchair and total income is less than \$2000.00 per year, including Social Security, contact the Appraiser's Office for determination of other special benefits.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Exemption requests for Tangible Personal Property must be filed with the County Appraiser no later than March 1st. Non-Exempt Tangible Personal Property returns must be filed no later than April 1st. Failure to file a return will result in a penalty and an assessment will be made as provided by Florida law. Tangible Personal Property includes property such as business furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, stock of merchandise, household goods and personal effects. (Florida residents are exempt from the tax on household goods and personal effects.) The deadline for charitable and qualified non-profit organizations eligible for such exemption is March 1st. All others must file by April 1st.

MARCH 1st IS THE FINAL DAY TO FILE

OUR REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AT THESE LOCATIONS FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

NORTH COUNTY HOMESTEAD SCHEDULE 1983

AREA	DATES SCHEDULED	LOCATION
Century Village	January 4 thru 7	Hastings Clubhouse
Dupler	January 10	Town Hall
Leisureville North	January 12	Recreation Room
Royal Palm Beach	January 13 and 14	Village Hall
Palm Springs	January 17	Village Hall
Golden Lakes	January 18 and 19	Card Room Annex
Greenacres	January 20 and 21	City Hall/Council Room
Tapeoka	January 24	Village Hall
Cresthaven/Ashley	January 25	Ashley Center Meeting Room
Cresthaven/Emory	January 26	Emory Center Meeting Room
Lake Clarke Gardens	January 27	Clubhouse
Lake Clarke Gardens	January 28	Clubhouse
Covered Bridge	January 31	Main Clubhouse
Wellington	February 1 and 2	Village Hall
Land of Presidents	February 3	Clubhouse Lobby
Poinciana Place	February 4	Clubhouse Social Room
Sent Tree Villas (East)	February 7	Clubhouse
Leisureville/Baymont	February 8	Clubhouse
Atlantis	February 9	City Hall
Lucerne Homes East	February 10	Clubhouse
Huntington Lakes	February 11 (9:00-12:00)	Clubhouse

SOUTH COUNTY HOMESTEAD SCHEDULE 1983

AREA	DATES SCHEDULED	LOCATION
Century Village West	January 4 thru 7	Clubhouse Room H
Boca Lago	January 10 and 11	Golf Course Clubhouse
Boynton	January 12	City Hall
Indian Springs	January 13	Clubhouse Card Room
Sandalfoot Cove	January 14	Clubhouse
Highland Beach	January 17	Town Hall
Boca Raton	January 24 thru 27 (10:00-3:00)	American Legion Hall
Lantana	January 28	City Hall
Palm Beach/Leisureville	January 31	Clubhouse K-3
Lake North	February 1 thru 4	City Hall Annex
Pinelands	February 7	Clubhouse (South)
Leisureville Delray	February 10	Clubhouse
Sterling Village	February 11	Library in Rec Center
High Point/Delray West	February 14	Clubhouse #1
Briny Breezes	February 15 and 16	Town Hall
Village Oriole/Abey	February 24 (9:00-12:00)	Clubhouse
Village Oriole/Sonnair	February 24 (1:00-4:00)	Clubhouse
Village Oriole/Camelot	February 25 (9:00-12:00)	Clubhouse
Village Oriole/Deauville	February 25 (1:00-4:00)	Clubhouse
Palm Greens	February 28 (9:00-12:00)	Clubhouse
Coco Woods & Country Lane	February 28 (1:00-4:00)	Clubhouse

If you have any questions concerning your appraisals or filings, please contact the office nearest you by phone or mail. In order to serve you, the taxpayers of Palm Beach County, we have to be made aware of your problems and needs.

APPRAISER'S OFFICE, PALM BEACH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 214, W. Palm Bch., FL. Phone 837-3328
 NORTH COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 3188 P.G.A. Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Phone 626-6900
 GLADES OFFICE BUILDING, 2976 State Road 15, Belle Glade, Florida 33430 Phone 996-5511
 SOUTH COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 345 South Congress, Delray Beach, Florida. Phone 276-1250

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE

A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE FILED FOR ANY CHANGES. IF EVERYTHING IS THE SAME - YOU WILL RECEIVE A RENEWAL CARD BY MAIL

Several injured in wreck

SOUTH BAY - A four-vehicle accident three miles south of South Bay on US 27 left several people with minor injuries Christmas Day.

According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, Francisco Rodriguez, 45, of Miami was travelling north on US 27 at about 6:10 a.m. December 25, when he crossed the center line and struck three oncoming vehicles.

Gilberto Mantalvo, 34, Canal Road Box 708, South Bay, was driving the first south-bound vehicle. He had two passengers, Marshall Muniz, 28, and Alias Gonzalez, 67, of the same address.

The second south-bound vehicle was driven by Alfonso Alvarez, 25, of 544 SE Third Street, Belle Glade. He carried a passenger, Jose Cano, 21, of 808 NE Second Street, Belle Glade.

The last vehicle that Francisco Rodriguez struck was driven by Mario Rodriguez, 20, of 816 NW Avenue D in Belle Glade. His vehicle also carried a passenger, Angel Bailon, 23, of 201 NE Avenue E in Belle Glade.

All drivers and passengers received minor injuries, according to the report.

Francisco Rodriguez was charged with driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.

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has Yule party

BELLE GLADE - The Xi Alpha Mu Christmas Party was held at the home of Lewis and Gladis Friend on Thursday, Dec. 16.

The group had a buffet dinner and guests exchanged gifts.

Dorothy Hillier and Lavina Parker were co-hostesses for the occasion. Others present were: Dick and Doris Lewis, Jess and Tina Elliott, Elsie Sims, Charlotte Walston, Ada Bush, Coleman Conley, Bruce and Irene Bowe, Dorothy Hillier, Florence Keen, Norman and Catherine Kennedy, Rubert and Marjorie Mock, Harold and Beth Wilkinson, Clark Wilkinson, Ted and Judy Gallo and Vance and Dot Denton.